

COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333

Urban Trails Committee

Minutes
October 14, 2014

Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by co-chair, Biz Collins. Those present from the Committee were:

Julie Sabin	Biz Collins	Eric Marchese
Kristin Heumann	Jeff Kuhr	

Also present Kathy Portner with City of Grand Junction, Dr. Terri Wenslaff, public, Jody Kliska, public, Kayla Dodson, Candace, Kayla's sister from Los Angeles, public and Michele Rohrbach.

Thanked Kathy with the City for providing Pablo's Pizza.

Approval of Minutes – Biz moved to approve the minutes from July. Julie second. Motion pass.

Announcements – Need a volunteer to attend RFC 10/21. Julie volunteered. Michele will be in training in Carbon Dale next Tuesday but will be back in time for the RFC meeting. Jeff asked everyone to go and check out the HealthyMesaCounty.org.

Old Business -

There was no old business.

New Business –

Bylaws – Kathy P. passed around a basic draft of by-laws for the UTC. City Council is interested in making UTC more formal and in line with the other volunteer City Boards. Group will review and make comments to Kathy. Julie will present to the RFC for their review. Discussed what would happen with Michele, she said she didn't have a problem continuing to provide her service but it would need to be run past the RFC board. Proposed going with a seven member board, terms and officer election in the fall. Talked about length of meeting time and parliamentary procedures to extend the meeting time. Inquiry made about Skype or phone conference call. Kathy will email out revised version.

Prioritized Safe Routes to Schools for City Council – Kathy said the Council is excited to get a prioritized list of Safe Routes to Schools. She said the City received the grant for the B ½ ramp. She talked about Community Block grant funds, completed walk audits and that she is hoping that the City will put these back in as a line item on the City budget. Kathy said she could get a list out to everyone. Julie read off some items that should be added to the Cities list. Biz said

that the School District is interested in the prioritized list fixes but they don't have any funds to contribute.

Website – Jeff asked if UTC wanted Mesa County to host it. Kathy said the City would like to have it on the City's website. Talked about content that the group would like to have on the website. Talked about having resource links and the prioritized list.

Strategic Plan – tabled until next month because Biz forgot her material.

Kristin talked about the City of Grand Junction becoming a Bicycle Friendly Community; Trent thinks that could get a silver rating. Talked about others to apply (St. Mary's or the Chamber). She also mentioned Colorado being a Bicycle Friendly state since it has 20 communities that are bicycle friendly. Both Julie and Eric said they'd be happy to help Trent with the application.

Julie said she was so happy to see the little "Clock Tower" area fixed and now is great for ADA users. Restriping of Redlands Parkway for turning into Blue Heron boat launch – much, much safer.

Biz said she'd like to thank everyone who commented on the 2040 plan and she showed the proposed plus existing plan. She said UTC is brought up in a lot of meetings as a resource. Approval will be in December.

There was no further new business.

Public Comment – No public comment.

Adjournment – Adjourned at 6:55pm.